

EXPERIMENTAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS COMPLETE BACK ISSUES

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The *Experimental Musical Instruments* quarterly journal began publication in 1985 and ran through 1999, putting out a total of 70 issues. This package contains those issues in the form of Adobe .pdf files on two CD-ROMs. Each issue appears as one .pdf file. The pages of the journal are reproduced just as they originally appeared in print.

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